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SAKA INVESTMENT BY INSURANCE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) are investing in Indian stock market on a regular basis;

(b) If so, the quantum of investments made by these companies during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment about the quantum of investment in the Indian stock market by the private insurance companies during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof,company-wise including the quantum of royalty/fees expatriated by these companies during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) have reported the quantum of investments made by them during the last three years:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of Co.	Year		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
LIC	14,172.93	23,401.67	53,162.89
GIC	1,719.00	1,610.00	982.00

(c) & (d) : No, Sir. However, the compliance by insurance companies with the statutory ceiling prescribed for investments in the Approved Investment and `Other Investments` are being monitored by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) on a quarterly basis.